

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Skyler Cochran, et al. v. County of Los Angeles</u>
CASE NUMBER	CV 05-08807
COURT	United States District Court Central District
DATED FILED	January 31, 2006
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$1,000,000
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NATURE OF CASE	<p>Chadwick Cochran was arrested in Los Angeles for being a felon in possession of a gun and incarcerated in the Los Angeles County jail. After his initial evaluation in the jail, Mr. Cochran was eventually cleared to be placed in the general population.</p> <p>On November 16, 2005, while he was waiting to be taken to his housing location, Mr. Cochran was placed in a television room with other inmates, while they waited to be taken to their cells. Within 15-20 minutes, Mr. Cochran was killed by other inmates. Two of the inmates were charged with his murder.</p>

Witnesses tell conflicting stories about why Mr. Cochran was killed. Some say the inmates thought Mr. Cochran was a snitch, some say he cut in line in front of gang members, and another says he was singled out because he was wearing the wrong identification badge.

A lawsuit for his wrongful death was filed by his daughter, Skyler Cochran, his mother, Joann Moye, and his father, Michael Cochran. They alleged that the County placed Mr. Cochran in danger and failed to supervise him appropriately. The motivations of the inmates who killed Mr. Cochran are unknown. However, due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$1,000,000 was recommended. In the settlement, Skyler Cochran received \$500,000, Joann Moye received \$375,000, and Michael Cochran received \$125,000

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$152,687

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 7,973